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MAY CROP REPORT

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

* **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.42 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2010.

* **Winter wheat harvested for grain** was forecast at 32.0 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.

* **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year.

* **Kansas**, the number one winter wheat state, was expecting 261.8 million bushels, down 27 percent from 2010.

KENTUCKY

Farmers expect to harvest 27.1 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2011. The expected crop for 2011 would be

up 64 percent from the 2010 crop which experienced planting problems due to a wet fall. Strong wheat prices encouraged farmers to seed 540,000 acres last fall with 410,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Based on crop conditions as of May 1 and assuming a normal growing season, farmers expect a yield of 66 bushels per acre, unchanged from 2010. Acres for other uses totaled 130,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay. As of May 1, 45 percent of the wheat had headed, well ahead of last year's 20 percent, and 30 percent average over the last 5 years. Wet conditions and localized flooding are a concern to wheat growers. Warmer and drier conditions will be needed during May and June to minimize disease problems and produce the good quality and yield currently expected.

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	2010	Ind. 2011	2010	Ind. 2011	2010	Ind. 2011
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)	
Colorado	2,350	2,150	45.0	30.0	105,750	64,500
Illinois	295	730	56.0	61.0	16,520	44,530
Indiana	230	390	60.0	64.0	13,800	24,960
Kansas	8,000	7,700	45.0	34.0	360,000	261,800
KENTUCKY	250	410	66.0	66.0	16,500	27,060
Missouri	280	720	45.0	52.0	12,600	37,440
Montana	1,950	2,150	48.0	44.0	93,600	94,600
Nebraska	1,490	1,350	43.0	42.0	64,070	56,700
Ohio	750	860	61.0	69.0	45,750	59,340
Oklahoma	3,900	3,400	31.0	22.0	120,900	74,800
Oregon	810	810	67.0	69.0	54,270	55,890
Tennessee	180	260	53.0	57.0	9,540	14,820
Texas	3,750	1,800	34.0	26.0	127,500	46,800
Washington	1,710	1,770	69.0	65.0	117,990	115,050
U.S.	31,749	32,039	46.8	44.5	1,485,236	1,424,357

FINAL 2010 TOBACCO

BURLEY: Final 2010 burley tobacco production by Kentucky farmers totaled 140.4 million pounds, down 13 percent from the 161.3 million pounds produced in 2009. Average yields were 1,950 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from the 2009 crop. Acreage harvested was 72,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2009. Average price per pound was estimated at \$1.50 per pound, down 20 cents from the previous year.

Production for the burley producing States totaled 188 million pounds, 13 percent below 2009. Seven states make up the burley producing states. Kentucky, the leading producer of burley tobacco, produced 75 percent of all burley grown in the United States.

DARK TOBACCO: Dark fire-cured tobacco production totaled 29.0 million pounds, down 9 percent from the 2009 crop. The smaller crop resulted from a decrease in harvested acreage and yield. Harvested acreage totaled 8,800 acres, down 300 acres from 2009 and yield at 3,300 pounds per acre was down 200 pounds. Price received by farmers was \$2.45 per pound, unchanged from the 2009 price. Dark air-cured tobacco production totaled 12.3 million pounds, down 11 percent from the 2009 production. Farmers harvested 4,400 acres of dark air tobacco with a yield of 2,800 pounds per acre. Harvested acreage was down 200 acres from 2009 and yield was down 200 pounds. Price received per pound by farmers was \$2.25, unchanged from the previous year.

TOBACCO ACREAGE, YIELD, PRODUCTION & PRICE PER POUND, BY TYPE, STATE & U.S.

Type & State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Market Yr. Avg. Price Per Lb.	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	Rec'd by Farmers	
							2009	2010
(Acres)		(Pounds)		(1,000 Pounds)		(Dollars)		
BURLEY, TYPE 31								
KENTUCKY	75,000	72,000	2,150	1,950	161,250	140,400	1.700	1.500
N. Carolina	3,400	2,300	1,840	1,750	6,256	4,025	1.720	1.720
Ohio	3,400	2,500	2,000	2,050	6,800	5,125	1.650	1.630
Pennsylvania	4,100	4,200	2,300	2,400	9,430	10,080	1.700	1.700
Tennessee	14,000	15,000	1,920	1,660	26,880	24,900	1.770	1.700
Virginia	2,000	1,600	2,140	1,900	4,280	3,040	1.770	1.690
U.S.	101,900	97,600	2,109	1,922	214,896	187,570	1.709	1.549
DARK FIRE-CURED								
KENTUCKY	9,100	8,800	3,500	3,300	31,850	29,040	2.450	2.450
Tennessee	6,400	6,200	3,100	2,900	19,840	17,980	2.520	2.530
Virginia	650	650	2,000	2,090	1,300	1,359	2.100	2.000
U.S.	16,150	15,650	3,281	3,091	52,990	48,379	2.468	2.467
DARK AIR-CURED								
KENTUCKY	4,600	4,400	3,000	2,800	13,800	12,320	2.250	2.250
Tennessee	1,200	1,100	2,700	2,600	3,240	2,860	2.210	2.210
U.S.	5,800	5,500	2,938	2,760	17,040	15,180	2.242	2.242
ALL TOBACCO								
KENTUCKY	88,700	85,200	2,333	2,133	206,900	181,760	1.852	1.677
U.S.	*354,040	337,500	*2,323	2,130	*822,581	718,883	*1.837	1.747

*Revised.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Type	Mar 2010	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Mar 11 % of	
				Mar 10	Feb 11
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,211.2	2,021.2	2,266.3	102	112
Veal	12.2	10.5	12.1	99	115
Pork	2,040.1	1,768.7	2,054.6	101	116
Lamb & Mutton	17.7	10.9	14.1	80	129
Total U.S.	4,281.1	3,811.3	4,347.0	102	114
Total Kentucky	50.4	43.9	51.4	102	117

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MARCH 2010 & 2011

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	1.9	1.6	1,886	1,665	974	1,013
Hogs	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /
Sheep & Lambs	1.0	0.9	118	120	123	132
United States						
Cattle	2,911.5	2,959.2	3,691,673	3,761,623	1,273	1,276
Hogs	10,031.5	9,873.0	2,724,041	2,739,883	272	278
Sheep & Lambs	263.2	193.9	35,386	28,195	135	146

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

ALL U.S. WAREHOUSE STOCKS				Mar 11 as % of	
Commodity	Mar 31, 2010	Feb 28, 2011	Mar 31, 2011	Mar 10	Feb 11
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	616,158	716,405	695,802	113	97
Turkey	379,720	288,976	331,063	87	115
Ducks	3,671	4,664	6,176	168	132
Total Frozen Poultry	999,549	1,010,045	1,033,041	103	102
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	384,596	459,833	448,828	117	98
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	58,762	50,900	52,521	89	103
Total Frozen Pork <u>1</u> /	513,066	574,236	577,198	112	101
Total Meat <u>2</u> /	921,753	1,050,561	1,042,666	113	99

1/ Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 2/ Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

CROP AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED - (\$)

COMMODITY	Unit	KENTUCKY			US
		APR 2010	MAR 2011	APR 2011	APR 2011
		Entire Month		Mid-Month <u>1</u> /	
All Corn <u>2</u> / <u>3</u> /	Bu.	3.67	5.76	6.70	6.40
Soybeans <u>2</u> /	Bu.	9.76	13.00	13.20	12.80
Winter Wheat <u>2</u> /	Bu.	NA	NA	NA	7.69
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	145.00	140.00	150.00	155.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	80.00	75.00	75.00	103.00

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Includes contract sales paid during month. 3/ Includes yellow and white corn. NA – Not Available.

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	Mar 2010	Mar 2011	11 % of 10
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,839	7,834	100
Average Layers (000)	342,098	340,377	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,291	2,302	100
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Apr 1 (000)	43,031	40,848	95
Chicks Hatched (000)	44,914	43,974	98
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Apr 1 (000)	641,715	649,752	101
Chicks Hatched (000)	787,939	793,957	101

LIVESTOCK AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/ - (\$)

COMMODITY	Unit	UNITED STATES		
		APR 2010	MAR 2011	APR 2011
		Entire Month		Mid-Month <u>2</u> /
All Hogs	Cwt.	56.50	63.10	67.10
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	56.60	63.70	68.40
Sows	Cwt.	53.30	58.00	59.20
All Beef Cattle <u>3</u> /	Cwt.	95.60	115.00	120.00
Steers & Heifers <u>4</u> /	Cwt.	101.00	118.00	124.00
Cows	Cwt.	57.50	75.20	79.80
Calves <u>5</u> /	Cwt.	124.00	148.00	150.00
Sheep	Cwt.	49.40	NA	NA
Lambs	Cwt.	118.00	169.00	NA

1/Beginning with January 2011, State level livestock prices will be discontinued. U.S. level prices will be published based on data provided by United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. 4/ 500 lbs. and over. 5/ Under 500 lbs. NA – Not Available.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION: SELECTED STATES
PRELIMINARY JANUARY-MARCH, 2010-2011

STATE	January - March Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		January - March Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	11 % 10
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
CA	1,759	1,755	9,940	10,137	102
IL	101	98	491	481	98
IN	169	171	846	865	102
KY	79	76	296	289	98
MN	470	471	2,270	2,240	99
MO	101	95	366	352	96
OH	272	271	1,300	1,299	100
TX	410	425	2,187	2,357	108
VA	95	95	428	439	103
WI	1,260	1,266	6,394	6,462	101
US	9,093	9,163	47,392	48,432	102

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

U.S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MARCH 2011

PRODUCT	March 2010	Feb. 2011	March 2011	Change from	
				Mar. 10	Feb. 11
		(000) Pounds		Percent	
BUTTER	139,231	149,333	156,510	12.4	4.8
CHEESE					
American Types <u>1/</u>	364,152	328,861	365,071	0.3	11.0
Mozzarella	300,101	273,513	310,986	3.6	13.7
All Other Types <u>2/</u>	230,235	205,077	239,794	4.1	16.9
Total	894,488	807,451	915,851	2.4	13.4
		(000) Gallons		Percent	
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	79,218	61,802	74,724	-5.7	20.9
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	4,828	4,410	6,546	35.6	48.4
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream Mix	44,687	34,245	42,891	-4.0	25.2
Yogurt Mix	2,842	2,673	3,967	39.6	48.4

1/Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. 2/Includes Swiss, Cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

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